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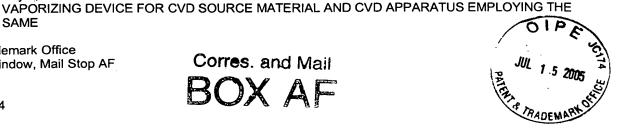
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 2, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

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